

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Kindly replace drawing Figure 1 with the replacement Figure 1 that follows page 16 of this paper. Figure 1 has been amended to add reference numerals 121 and 176 and lead lines.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 10, 14, and 35 have been cancelled, and claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-13, 15-34, and 36-42 are pending.

Initially, the Examiner is thanked for the indication that Claims 22-27, 29-31, 33, and 35-42 are allowed, that Claims 8, 9, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, that Claims 7, 11, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph rejections and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claims 7-9, 11, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 7, 11, 15, 28, and 32 have been amended to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph set forth at pages 5-6 of the Office Action. Claims 2, 4, 5, 13, 15-19, 21 have each been amended to depend from allowable claim 9.

Figure 1 has been amended to add a reference numeral 121 and 176, and the appropriate lead lines. Reference numeral 121 has been added to the specification at page 5 to identify a batten. This is believed to overcome the rejection of claims 13 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as well as the objections to the specification set forth at page 4 of the Office Action. The specification has been amended to delete reference numeral 174.

Accordingly, the Applicant requests withdrawal of the objections to the specification, drawings, and claims, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and 112, second paragraph.

An Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO/SB/08 were submitted on May 2, 2005, providing a reference to an internet webpage mentioned at page 16 of the Office Action. The Examiner is requested to initial and return the PTO/SB/08 to the undersigned and to make it of record in the application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

This Amendment is submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for response, and no claims have been added. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. However, kindly charge any fee that may be due, and credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0281.

Should there be any questions regarding this submission, or regarding the application in general, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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